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- 1. DURING SIROTKOVIC VISIT, SMITHSONIAN OFFICIALS
 REQUESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOY OR REPUBLICAN
 GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT PRELIMINARY FIELD WORK FOR PROJECT
 IN YUGOSLAVIA. THIS SUBJECT ALSO MENTIONED IN FEBRUARY
 ONE LETTERS FROM AMBASSADOR TOON TO BUDIMOVSKI AND
 BULAJIC. SMITHSONIAN NOW WAITING FOR ANSWER FROM
 BUDIMOVSKI REGARDING POSSIBLE FUNDING; HOWEVER, IF
 ANSWER NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED BY APRIL ONE, COULD
 SERIOUSLY SET- BACK TIME- TABLE OF PROJECT OR LEAD TO ITS
 CANCELLATION FOR THIS YEAR. (FYI: SMITHSONIAN FIELD
 PERSONNEL ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR YUGOSLAVIA IN MIDAPRIL AND HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS WITH
 YUGOSLAV- AMERICAN GROUPS FOR JOINT PRESENTATION THIS
 SUMMER. IF TRIP MUST BE POSTPONED, THIS TIMING COULD NOT
 BE MET. END FYI).
- 2. SMITHSONIAN REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY FOLLOW- UP ON AMBASSADOR TOON'S LETTER OF FEBRUARY 1 TO BUDIMOVSKI, UNCLASSIFIED

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POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING PROJECT SCHEDULE AND REQUESTING ANSWER BY APRIL ONE. ROGERS

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